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## RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In response to the communication mailed October 11, 2006, please consider the following remarks. A petition for extension of time for one month is attached.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

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